Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 21 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 22 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 20 Jan 2021 at 15:30 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold conditions to continue with snow showers to low levels, and for strong winds over next couple of days. Lower for shower detail.

Headline for Thursday 21 Jan 2021: Showers or longer spells of snow, with severe gales bringing blizzard conditions. Disruptive snow on access routes.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 21 Jan 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Medium Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability							
90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%

Forecast for Thursday 21 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloudy with frequent snow showers and some longer spells of snow especially over the Northern Cairngorms and Cromdale Hills. The snow remaining more showery towards the southwest of the area and it may turn more showery everywhere later but with low confidence. Blizzard conditions, and some large accumulations on some access roads too. Just a few brief sunny intervals.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10%, rising 25% in southwest

Visibility: Generally very poor due to falling and blowing snow but occasionally good in the southwest of the area between showers. Cloud bases persistently below 600m in north occasionally 300m, but probably breaking and lifting to 750m at times in the southwest.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/32 N	32/39 N	43/54 N	45/56 NW	45/57 NW	46/58 NW	45/57 NW	47/59 NW	45/58 NW
900	17/20 NE	24/29 N	34/41 N	34/43 NW	33/43 NW	34/44 NW	34/44 NW	35/46 NW	34/45 NW
600	7/10 S	12/17 N	21/28 N	22/30 NW	21/30 NW	22/32 NW	21/31 W	23/33 NW	22/32 W
300	3/10 N	6/17 NW	12/27 NW	13/29 NW	12/29 NW	14/30 NW	12/29 NW	13/30 NW	12/29 NW
Glen	4/15 N	5/19 N	7/27 NW	7/29 NW	8/31 NW	9/31 NW	8/30 NW	7/30 NW	7/29 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-15	-6/-16	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18	-7/-18	-7/-19	-7/-19
900	-3/-10	-3/-11	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-13	-3/-13	-4/-14	-4/-14
600	-1/-5	-1/-6	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-9	-2/-9	-2/-9
300	-0/-2	-0/-3	-0/-5	-0/-5	0/-5	1/-5	1/-4	0/-5	0/-5
Glen	-0/-3	0/-4	0/-5	-0/-6	0/-5	1/-4	1/-4	1/-4	0/-5
Freezing Level*	300m	300m	300m	300m	300m	400m	300m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit gusts may exceed 70mph.

Forecast for Friday 22 Jan 2021
Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and occasional snow showers.

Maximum wind: Westerly 30 gusts 40mph easing slowly through the day.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Generally good away from showers and clouds, falling poor or very poor in snow showers with cloud bases falling 750m at times.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero at best.
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m

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